

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

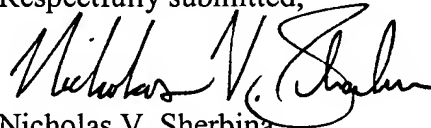
The specification has been amended to include the immediate priority information for the instant application. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas V. Sherbina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

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